

METROPOLITAN BUYS RAYMOND MARKETS

NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS AND LIKELY TO GO THROUGH BY WHICH THE METROPOLITAN TAKES OVER THE RAYMOND MARKETS AND WILL OPERATE THEM—AND WILL HEREAFTER BUY THE RAYMOND RANCH CATTLE.

The Metropolitan Meat Company has about completed negotiations with Dr. Raymond to take over the Raymond Ranch Markets in Honolulu, and resume the purchase of cattle from the Raymond ranch which was interrupted early in the year when Dr. Raymond started his markets.

There are two of these markets. One is at the corner of Alakea and Beretania streets, on property owned by Dr. Raymond. The other is at the Fish Market on King street in leased premises.

The report that the Metropolitan Meat Market had bought out the Raymond Ranch Meat Markets was in circulation. At the Metropolitan it was stated that negotiations to this end were in progress, and seemed likely to go through, but that the deal had not been formally or absolutely concluded. It concluded it would mean simply that the Metropolitan would take over the Raymond markets and continue to run. Dr. Raymond and the Raymond ranch would cease to have any interest in them, and the ranch would thereafter sell its cattle to the Metropolitan Company as other graziers do. A. N. Campbell, treasurer of the Henry Waterhouse Trust Company which has the financial management of the Raymond ranch, says that his understanding of the deal is that Dr. Raymond made his proposal to the Metropolitan Company, which has been virtually, though not formally accepted. Under this proposal the Metropolitan Company buys the fixtures of the two markets, and takes over a lease of the premises where they are located, and continue to run them. The connection of Dr. Raymond and the Raymond ranch with these markets ceases, and the Metropolitan Company makes satisfactory arrangements for the purchase of the cattle of the Raymond ranch. The deal will probably go into effect the first of the month. Dr. Raymond returned to Maui yesterday.

J. H. Mackenzie, of the Henry Waterhouse Trust Company, who is conducting the negotiations for Dr. Raymond, said he did not want to say anything about the matter as he wanted to keep it quiet.

Several years ago Dr. Raymond became dissatisfied with the arrangement between his ranch and the Metropolitan Meat Company, and began supplying cattle to C. Q. Yee Hop. Later his connection with Yee Hop ended, and early this year, in order, as he believed, to secure better returns from the ranch, he opened up two markets in Honolulu. It is these markets alone that are concerned in the present deal. It does not affect the ranch at all, nor the market the ranch operator at Wailuku, Maui.

INTER-ISLAND FLEET TO BE OIL BURNERS

NEW STEAMER MAUNA KEA IS TO BE AN OIL BURNER AND WILL BE IN NATURE OF EXPERIMENT FOR BOATS IN HAWAIIAN WATERS—OTHER LARGE STEAMERS TO BE CHANGED IF NEW BOAT IS SATISFACTORY.

Following the arrival of the steamer Mauna Kea from San Francisco next spring, the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company will in all likelihood, convert practically all of the other steamers of its fleet into oil burners.

The Mauna Kea which is under course of construction in San Francisco is to be an oil burner. It she proves satisfactory, President J. A. Kennedy of the company will recommend to the directors of the company to convert all of the larger boats of the fleet into oil consumers. The consideration in such case is the amount of labor that will be saved. On the smaller boats where there are not a special number of firemen employed, there will be no use to change from coal to oil, but with the larger boats

the saving in wages of labor will be extensive.

The contract with the Union Union Works calls for the delivery of the steamer next May but the work of building the boat is progressing very slowly. In fact the keel has not even been laid according to the last advice from Construction Engineer Johnson of the Inter-Island Company. The machinery is under construction but the hull of the boat has not been started. The cause of this delay is the failure of the eastern iron mills to turn out the material as fast as was originally expected. There is still a fair prospect, writes Johnson, that the new vessel will be completed in time for her delivery next spring. She is to go into commission on the Honolulu-Hilo run, replacing the Kinau.

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REFINED WOMAN WHIPPED

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

ST. PETERSBURG, August 15.—Mlle. Smirnova a refined young woman was brutally whipped here today by the Chevalier guards as a punishment for some slighting remark made by her. The populace is wildly aroused with indignation.

PARDEE CLAIMS VICTORY

SAN FRANCISCO, August 15.—Governor Pardee claims as the result of the primaries held yesterday, that he controls a majority of the delegates elected and will be renominated. Gillett who is another candidate for the gubernatorial nomination on the Republican ticket, is also confident of success.

GOVERNOR GENERAL SMITH COMING.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 15.—General James F. Smith sailed for Manila by the S. S. Manchuria yesterday. He will become governor general of the Philippines, succeeding Governor Ide when the latter's term expires.

RULERS MEET.

FRIEDRICHSHOF, August 15.—Emperor William of Germany and King Edward of England met at this place today.

VETERANS PARADE.

MINNEAPOLIS, August 15.—The Grand Army of the Republic held its great parade today.

TO INVESTIGATE AMERICAN OFFICERS.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 15.—A military commission will investigate the conduct of officers in the Philippines.

BOMBS KILL MANY IN WARSAW.

WARSAW, August 15.—Bombs were thrown here by the police today. It is reported that 20 people were killed and 100 others wounded in the explosions.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was called to order today at 2:10 p. m. by President J. F. Lowrey. A bare quorum was present when the meeting opened but members kept coming until a fair number were present.

Secretary James G. Spencer read the minutes of the previous meeting. They were approved.

President J. F. Lowrey read a paper suggesting new ideas for the coming year and commenting on the business already finished by the trustees. He spoke of the work of E. I. Spaulding and J. McCandless as members of the Promotion Committee. He also paid a tribute to the work of Secretary H. P. Wood in promotion work.

He spoke of the work of the Chamber in connection with the harbor improvements and also the influence they used in getting a revenue cutter stationed at this port.

He spoke highly of the work of the committee sent to Washington to urge the passage of the refund bill.

He paid a tribute to the work of James F. Morgan as the relief agent following the San Francisco disaster. The Treasurer's report was read and approved for the past year.

President Lowrey here stated that the next business was election of officers. Before the election James G. Spencer handed in his resignation as a member of the Chamber. It was accepted and a vote of thanks was given him for past services.

The by-laws of the Chamber do not provide for a nominating committee but the trustees appointed Lowrey to nominate men. He reported and the following officers were elected: President, W. M. Giffard; vice-president, J. F. Morgan; treasurer and secretary, H. P. Wood; trustee, F. M. Syanay, W. Protenhauer, E. I. Spaulding, L. T. Peck, J. R. Galt, Alex. Garvie, G. W. Smith, E. E. Paxton and W. A. Bowen. President-elect W. M. Giffard made a little speech of acceptance and was heartily applauded.

E. D. Tenney, when new business was proposed, stated that he hoped the new trustees would not bar the newspaper men from their meetings. He paid a tribute to the courtesy of newspaper men in general and stated that he saw no harm in allowing the press to attend meetings. Ex-President Lowrey defended the action of the Board. The matter will be brought up at the next meeting of the trustees.

W. A. Mears, of Portland, was introduced to the Chamber by ex-President Lowrey. Mr. Mears was called on for a speech.

He spoke of Chamber of Commerce work in general. The Chamber of which he has the honor to be member had nearly 1000 members. He spoke of how the work in Portland was carried on. He stated that he noted that one-third of the membership of the Honolulu Chamber was present. He stated that he thought that was splendid.

He stated that he would reserve his message to the chamber until some other time. He said he hoped though to establish trade relations between this port and Portland.

It was decided that the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants' Association hold a joint meeting in order to meet Mr. Mears.

George B. McClellan was called on for a speech. He stated that he had not much to say as he was unprepared. Mr. McClellan stated that future success at the capital was bright and that work done was to the advantage of Hawaii.

The President then reappointed E. I. Spaulding and J. A. McCandless as members of the Promotion Committee for the coming year. He said he could pay no higher tribute to the men. A motion was passed by the Chamber thanking them for work they have accomplished. The meeting then adjourned.

RESTORER TO TAKE COAL.

The cable S. S. Restorer hauls over to the railway wharf this afternoon to load 750 tons of coal in preparation for her approaching trip to Midway.

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Salaries Tied Up For Years To Come

SIX HUNDRED AND THIRTY-TWO GARNISHEES HAVE BEEN FILED AGAINST GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES SINCE THE NEW LAW WENT INTO EFFECT—ONE MAN'S SALARY GARNISHED UP TO THE LIMIT FOR THE NEXT TWENTY-THREE YEARS.

There have been 632 garnishee suits against government employees since the act making such suits possible was passed. In 1905. In one case now on file with Auditor Fisher, the defendant's salary is partially held up for twenty-three years, if he stays with the government and tries to work out the alleged debt. In other words, the amount of the pending garnishment is so large that it will be twenty-three years before he works off the debt.

The garnishee proposition, which was an old one under Hawaiian law, was revived by a recent act of the legislature providing that the auditor should be the party served. Immediately local merchants began to sue debtors, and now the auditor's office has the records of 514 cases filed since May, 1903, and County Auditor Hicknell has the records of 118 cases. Most of them are small suits against laborers in the road department, garbage department, members of the police force, etc.

The Territorial auditor's garnishees in many cases cover long terms. Under the law, 25 per cent of a government employee's salary may be garnished, but the law provides that the garnishment lasts from month until the debt is satisfied. In proceeding against an ordinary citizen, a creditor can garnishee a salaried man for half of what is coming to him from his employer. Then the garnishment dies, whether the debt is satisfied or not.

But in the case of a government employee the garnishment holds good month after month, which is what makes possible the case in which one local employee of the government has one-fourth of his salary tied up twenty-three years ahead. There are many cases in which the garnishment will last several years.

Some employees of the government have been garnished by two, three or four different creditors. In such a case it is held that the garnishment first filed counts first, but the others are good. When number one is paid off, number two begins to collect; then number three, and so on.

Some government employees complain that the law's proposition of perpetuating a garnishee is an unfair discrimination against the government employees. It is also claimed that it fails to protect the merchants, for as so on as one creditor gets a running garnishee the rest are helpless. In some cases, it is said, employees of the government have had friends garnishee them and collect the endangered twenty-five per cent for them, so that no creditor could do anything.

The audit office has a special book, devoted to garnishees. The merchants claim that the mere size of the business shows that the law is necessary, and point to 632 garnishee suits against government employees alone, since May, 1903, as proving that they need some help in collecting debts.

WANT TO HAVE OPIUM IMPORTED HERE DIRECT

It is understood that prominent Chinese merchants of this city are considering the advisability of trying to secure the direct importation of prepared opium, instead of having to bring the drug by the roundabout way of San Francisco. Ever since annexation every pound of prepared opium, the kind that is used for smoking, has been first exported from China to San Francisco. A combination of importers at that port have had the entire control of the export of opium from China and has been the distributing agents for America. Local Chinese dealers in the drug have secured their stock by bringing it from San Francisco.

It is now figured that there is no reason why the local people should have to get the stuff from San Francisco when arrangements might be made for securing the direct importation. Under the American regulations no Chinese subject can import opium into the United States. The idea which the Chinese dealers and merchants have under consideration is to form a company to supply the backing to some responsible broker other than Chinese, to bring the opium to this port. The middleman

would have to be a bona fide importer in order to comply with the provisions of the regulations.

There is of course, a question as to whether arrangements could be made by any local interests to break into the combine between the Chinese exporters and the American importers of opium. Could an arrangement as is being considered, be effected, it would mean that the local port would be the gainer by a large amount in duty on opium. The annual duty will run some where in the neighborhood of \$50,000 for Honolulu.

The disaster in San Francisco caused quite a change in the importation of goods by Chinese merchants. For the first time since annexation opium was brought from a port other than San Francisco. Three consignments came during the months of June and July from Victoria aggregating 720 pound. Other material which the San Francisco dealers could not supply also had to be imported from other places. It is expected that conditions will be normal however, and the Alameda on Friday will bring the usual consignment of prepared opium from San Francisco.

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